President: The honourable member Mr. Vasudevan Asari is entitled to propose the names of members to the Joint Committee. It is a matter for the House to decide.

Mr. Vasudevan Asari: The four names I would suggest are:

Messrs.

Thomas Chandy Mukkadan
T. K. Kittan
E K. Kuriyppe
T. Thuppan Nambooripad

Mr. M. Govindan: This matter could be dicided by means of vote at the present moment.

President: It is better formally to omit four names suggested by Mr. Govindan and include the new names; then the motion can be put to vote.

Mr. Vasudevan Asari: The names of members to be deleted from Mr. Govindan's list are

Messrs.

V. Sankara Menon
G. Nilakantan
A. Easwara Pillai
Kalloor Narayana Pillai

The motion for deleting the four names suggested was put and lost.

The motion for adopting the names suggested by Mr. M. Govindan was next put to vote and carried.

The motion was adopted.

THE TRAVANCORE SPECIAL MARRIAGE AND SUCCESSION BILL.

Mr. Kochickal P. Balakrishnan Tampi (*Karunagapalli, Karthikapalli and Ambalapuzha cum Shertalla*): Sir, the other House has not passed any substantial amendment to the Bill excepting to correct the figure "1118" into "1119." Therefore, I move that the Travancore Special Marriage and Succession Bill be taken into consideration by this House.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: I second it.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail: Sir, before I move the amendment standing in my name, I should like to know the position where we stand. Once before this Bill was introduced here and passed by this House. Then it was returned to the Assembly and it is now again brought forward into this House.

President: Order, order. The Special Marriage Bill was returned by the Dewan to the Assembly for its consideration on 26-1-1943. On 6-8-1943, the House reconsidered the Bill. A

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few amendments, which Mr. P. S. Mahomed proposed, were rejected by that House. A formal amendment was passed substituting '1119' for '1118' in the short title of the Bill. Since the Council has to concur in this formal amendment, the Bill is placed before the House.

Mr. Mahomed Ismail has sent up an amendment to the Bill for the exclusion of Muslims. Technically such an amendment cannot be considered by the Council at this stage, because under Section 29 of the Act (which speaks of the return of a Bill to either Chamber,) the Dewan returned the Bill for the reconsideration of the Assembly only and not of the Council so that the scope of consideration by the Council is limited to a mere concurrence in the formal amendment made by the Assembly to the short title. That is my ruling, and therefore this will be out of order.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail: Sir, before it is put to vote, may I inform the House that when this amendment was brought in here before, the Muslim members of this House walked out. It may be treated that we are not taking part in the proceedings even now.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: I rise to a point of order. There is no acknowledged Muslim party here and I do not know how far the words of the honourable gentleman would bind the other honourable members of that community.

President: He must be understood as not taking part himself, and if the other honourable members of his community wish to say so, they will say so.

Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai: The Bill may be taken into consideration.

The question that Clauses 1 to 47 stand part of the Bill was then put and carried.

The clauses were added to the Bill.

The question that the schedules and the title and preamble stand part of the Bill was then put and carried.

These were added to the Bill.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: Sir, I move that the Bill be passed.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: I second it.

The motion was carried.

THE TRAVANCORE PARTITION BILL.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Sir, I beg to introduce the Travancore Partition Bill for the kind consideration of this House. This is a necessary piece of legislation. Before proceeding further with the Bill, I wish to speak a few words considering the necessity for this Bill. Civil Courts are helpless in partition suits involving properties which could not be satisfactorily partitioned such

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